



# HAMATEUR CHATTER

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

*The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club*

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MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB welcomes all radio amateurs and all persons interested in amateur radio to attend our meetings.....

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE we extend a very special invitation - we are the oldest affiliate of your League.....

NOTICE IMPORTANT NOTICE - All regular meetings of MRAC scheduled for 1983 at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building will be held on the second Thursday of the month. Thus, 1983 meetings will fall on January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, and November 10. Mark your calendar.

MRAC REGULAR MEETING: 7:30 PM, Thursday, January 13, 1983, at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building at 7500 West State Street. Hall is open at 7:00 PM for rag chewing and consultations. Visitors are always welcome. Plenty of free parking.

MICROWORLD! — Our program about the most significant idea of our times! A fantastic story presented by the Wisconsin Telephone Company, of electronic miniaturization with details shown that cannot be seen by the naked eye! View the world of microelectronics — with us — !

NEXT MRAC REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 10, 1983. Subject to be announced. Watch for next bulletin.

Elden J. (Al) Belanger, W9MDG, died of a heart ailment on Sunday, November 28. We will long remember Al for all the work he did for our club, including serving as club President in 1954, 1975, 1976 and 1977, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors in 195, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981. Al taught in our license classes. He was 64.

Al retired from the Wisconsin Telephone Company in November, 1980 after 37 years with the company and moved to California. Prior to that he was employed by the FCC as a field man. Al was a Life Member of MRAC, and a member of ARRL, AREC and of QCWA.

He is survived by his wife Florence, W9WYJ, who will continue to reside in their retirement home at 1963 Donna Avenue, Los Osos, California 93402. Florence is very grateful for the more than one hundred sympathy cards she has received.

Al is survived by two daughters living in California and a sister and three brothers residing in Milwaukee and Menomonee Falls.

The body was cremated and the ashes spread on the Pacific Ocean.

THE ANNUAL OLD TIMERS CHRISTMAS PARTY was a rousing sucess, playing to a sell-out crowd from many parts of Wisconsin and Illinois! Our Guest of Honor and principle speaker was Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, ARRL Central Division Director, who has been re-elected for the 1983-84 term. Ed polled the group on the matter of a No-Code License and found not one person in favor of it! Our good member, Sister Osanna Wilson, honored us with her presence and a prayer for the late Al Belanger W9MDG.

Four former Presidents of MRAC were honored, Herbert F. Wareing W9NY 1922; Donald E. Seibel W9ESF, 1928; William Brossman W9EQP, 1938; and Kenneth W. Eggert W9MOT, 1953. Door prizes were drawn and the staff of our 1982 License Training Classes were honored. A recent donation to the MRAC Archives by Wilbur Price W9NVQ, made it possible to give each dinner guest a reproduction of "THE HAMS' SONG" (Dit Dit Dit Dah) as a souvenir. This song was especially written for the famous ARRL Fifth National Convention as sponsored by your Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club back in 1948. For those of you not fortunate enough to attend our party, a copy is enclosed.  
WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL TO THE PABST BREWING COMPANY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.

OUR 1983 CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th.  
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OUR 1983 SPRING DINNER PARTY at Heidel's is scheduled for noon on Saturday, May 7th.

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